

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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| Date of entry in Register:       | 19 June 2002           |
| Name of applicant/court:         | Comptroller of Customs |
| Applicant to the Labelling Body: | Not Applicable         |
| Title of Publication:            | PIERRE16M              |
| Other Known Titles:              | Not Stated             |
| Director:                        | Not Applicable         |
| Producer:                        | Not Applicable         |
| Publisher:                       | Not Applicable         |
| Author:                          | Not Applicable         |
| Format:                          | Computer Printout      |
| Country of Origin:               | Not Stated             |
| Language:                        | English                |

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

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| Feature:  | Running time:       |
| Trailers: | Running time:       |
|           | Total Running time: |

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The computer printout entitled *PIERRE16M* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The publication is a computer printout, consisting entirely of text, of an Internet Relay Chat session between two participants identifying themselves as a 35-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy. The printout was obtained from a "log" file, which records the contents of an Internet chat session, saved on the hard drive of a computer. The publication contains explicit descriptions of sex between adults and children and sexual violence committed by adult men on children.

The computer printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes by presenting explicit and salacious descriptions of sexual activity between adults and boys. The two participants reinforce to each other that boys are appropriate and desirable sexual partners for adults, and thereby promote and support the exploitation of boys for sexual purposes to each other.

The computer printout also promotes and supports the use of violence and coercion to compel children to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct. It does this by presenting explicit and salacious descriptions of sexual violence perpetrated on children.

The computer printout meets criteria under s3(2)(a) and s3(2)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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